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Fourth Arch Convocation Group



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## Important Legislation Enacted at Fourth Arch Convocation

The Fourth Arch Convocation was more productive of progressive and important legislation than any heretofore. Its most significant action was undoubtedly that of providing definitely for official chapter visitation. It is believed that it will satisfy a great need in our organization.

A resolution was passed making it mandatory for the chapters to pay the registration fees of their prospective initiates to the Arch Recorder before permits for initiation will be issued by the office of the Arch Scribe. A supplementary action was that enacted requiring all fraternity jewelry to be ordered through the office of the Arch Recorder. No orders for jewelry will henceforth be honored by Burr, Patterson, and Auld Company unless stamped with the approval of the Arch Recorder.

The petition of the Chicago Club of Theta Upsilon Omega for a charter was granted.

An up-to-date system of accounting was adopted which will be installed in each chapter before the opening of the fall term of this year.

Inspection of chapters was provided for according to a plan whereby each chapter will receive at least one inspection by an Arch Officer annually. The work will be under the direction of the Arch Visitor.

Scholarship awards were established. Chapters and individuals attaining unusual standings will be honored.

Chapter advisors were provided for. Each chapter will be allowed to submit the names of three alumni to the Arch Master. From these he will select one to serve for one year. The chapter advisors will aid the chapters in the management of their local affairs, and will aid the Arch Council in its relations with chapters.

Compulsory life subscriptions to THE OMEGAN were voted. This



M. G. Lennox      C. R. Drenk  
Two Past Arch Officers Present

measure will go into effect with men pledged after July 1, 1927. The subscription fee of ten dollars must be paid in full to the Arch Recorder at the time the registration fee is paid just prior to a man's initiation. Active members pledged previous to this date have the option of paying a life subscription of ten dollars in full or continuing with the payment of annual subscriptions of two dollars.

Associate members are now also eligible to subscribe for life at the rate of ten dollars.

A provision was made for the abolition of the time limit within which associate members of the chapters might affiliate with T. U. O. and a uniform fee adopted.

It was voted to award a Chapter Relations Trophy in the form of a cup to the chapter showing the greatest co-operation with the members of the Arch Council. This cup will circulate for ten years and will then go into the permanent possession of the chapter which has won it the greatest number of times.

The election of Arch Officers resulted in the re-election of Arch Ritualist A. J. Weston and Arch Scribe A. J. Knight. Haydn S. Pearson, Θ A '26, Junior Councilor of last year, was elected to the office of Arch Chaplain. Hugh Nevin, Δ A '95, was re-elected chairman of the Finance Committee. V. V. Pearce, E A '27, and F. T. Johnson, E A '27, were elected Junior Councilors for the ensuing year.

The Omegan extends its greetings to these officers.

## Sidelights on the Fourth Arch Convocation

The Fourth Arch Convocation chose at its setting the picturesque snow-covered hills of western Pennsylvania. The little college town of New Wilmington, the home of Lambda Alpha, nestles among these hills. Inaccessible though it was, Lambda Alpha proved to be a warm-hearted host.



**F. E. Moffitt, Gamma Beta  
Delegate**

Some fifty delegates, officers, and visitors had to be provided for by the host chapter. It was no small task. Those who could not be lodged at the Lambda Alpha chapter house were accommodated through the courtesy of the Crescent Club and the Delta Phi Sigma fraternity at their respective houses. The active members of Lambda Alpha who were present to minister to the wants of the guests were Walter D. Wilkinson, W. Brooks Reed, J. Harold Coles, Howard Logan, Halden Williams, Wesley Rose, Eugene Kennedy, Dean

Anderson, and Frank Moretti. S. W. McGinness,  $\Lambda A$  '01, acted as *maitre d'hotel* and kept everything running smoothly.

A feature of the convocation was the publication of an issue of the *Tuola*, the chapter paper of Lambda Alpha, for distribution to the visitors. This paper was the result of the efforts of Halden Williams,  $\Lambda A$  '28, and was a very commendable piece of work. This establishes what might well be regarded as a precedent to be followed until the Arch Convocation attains a size to warrant a paper of its own.

Gamma Alpha had the honor of being represented by the greatest number of visiting members, a total of nine. Five of these drove to New Wilmington from Hoboken in a Buick touring car. Thirty continuous hours of driving were required to reach New Wilmington and thirty-two hours for the return trip. No figures are avail-

able on the length of time required to thaw out. Snow, ice, and fog made the trip both hazardous and uncomfortable.

The chief pastime when meetings were not in session was sledding on the half-mile long hill in front of the chapter house. This held an especially great fascination for Floyd Moffitt, the lanky delegate from California. He was with difficulty, in fact, induced to come in for his meals and sleep.

### The Convocation Banquet

The final event of the Convocation was, as usual, the banquet on New Year's Eve. This was held at the new and well equipped United Presbyterian Church in New Wilmington. The Honorable Thomas C. Cochran, A A '01, of Mercer, Pennsylvania, was scheduled to be the toastmaster, but illness unfortunately confined him to his home. His place was ably taken by Hugh Nevin, A A '95. Between courses and Pittsburgh stogies, three members of the Lambda Alpha quartet entertained with popular songs.

The assemblage had the pleasure of listening first to Dr. W. Charles Wallace, president of Westminster College. Dr. Wallace traced the change in sentiment which has taken place in the last thirty years on the part of the college authorities toward the fraternities. During its seventy odd years of existence as a local, Lambda Alpha chapter was "suppressed" several times as opposed to the ideals of the college. Needless to say, Dr. Wallace expressed his sincere appreciation of the influence of Greek letter fraternities on the growth and welfare of the present day college.

Dr. Wallace's talk was followed by a brief expression of appreciation by the Arch Master for the cordial reception which had been received by the Arch Convocation at New Wilmington.

The newly elected Arch Chaplain, H. S. Pearson, stressed the service given by the Arch Officers to the interests of the fraternity, and the co-operation on the part of the chapters which was necessary for the organization to perform with the greatest efficiency. This was interspersed with Brother Pearson's typical Yankee humor.

Tribute was paid to the past Arch Officers who were absent for the first time from an Arch Convocation; namely, Past Arch Master Cowden and Past Arch Recorder O'Nan.

## The Russel H. Conwell Foundation

By J. LEROY VOSBURG, *Epsilon Alpha*, '27

The last conscious words of Dr. Russell H. Conwell were, "We will carry out our plans—won't we?" To carry out the plans of the founder of Temple University to the highest fulfillment is the purpose of the Russell H. Conwell Foundation.

The aim of the national movement under the auspices of the Foundation is to secure a sum of \$20,000,000 over a period of fifteen years.



Proposed Conwell Memorial Temple

This fund must be obtained for the following purposes:

First. The future expansion, further equipment and additional endowment of, as well as an extensive building program for Temple University.

Second. The placing of the University in its rightful position in the front rank of institutions of higher learning in the United States.



Third. The memorialization of Doctor Conwell, the perpetuation of his educational ideals, and the carrying forward of the wonderful work he began.

Under the first aim the salient points are the construction of a University structure of 23 stories to be completed in 1928, dormitories costing two million dollars, new schools of Medicine, Law and Dentistry, and a new University Library, Auditorium and Club House. A large endowment is also planned.

As for the second aim, the contention of the Foundation is that Temple's enrollment placing it among the twelve largest colleges



Ray Burkley, E A '27, (center) Washing Cars in Temple Fund Drive

and universities in the country, and the fact that it educates one-fifth of all of the young men and women who receive a higher education in Pennsylvania, merit for the school a position of higher prestige and greater recognition.

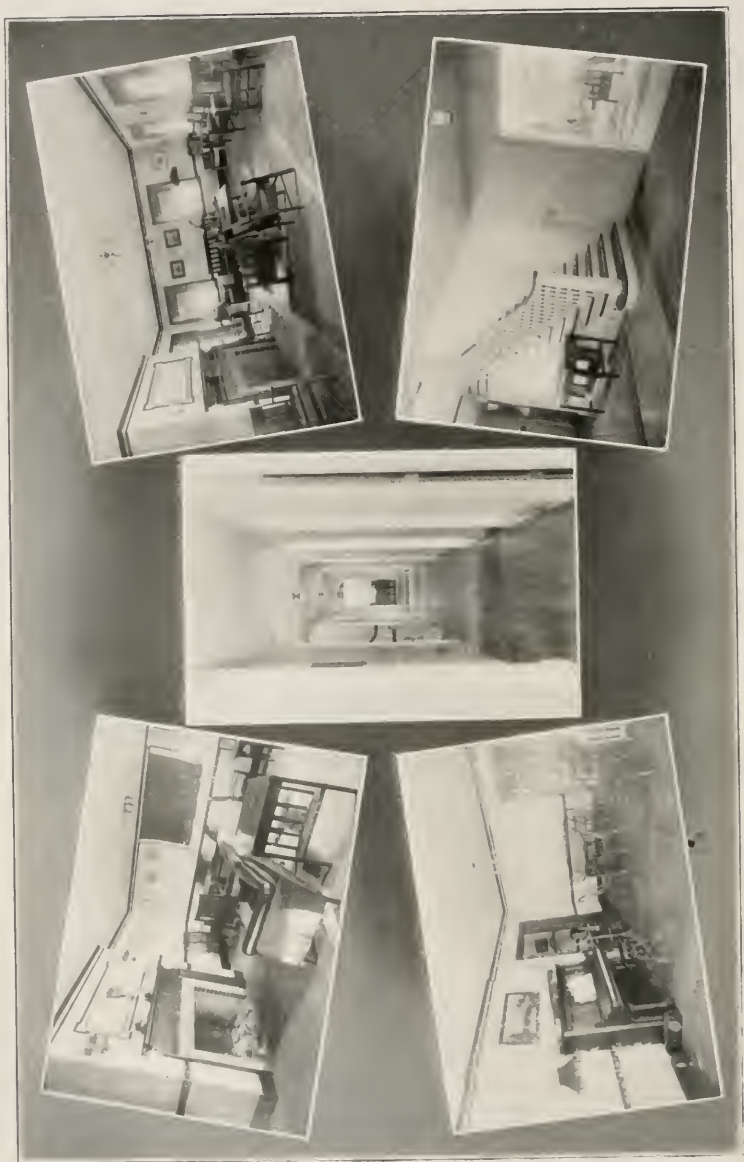
Together with the faculty, the student campaign under the committee leadership of Brother Vincent V. Pearce, who was appointed by the University, raised its quota of \$300,000 in one week's time. Many of the boys of Epsilon Alpha Chapter were active in conducting the campaign and the results were extremely encouraging. Members of Epsilon Alpha chapter subscribed 100 per cent strong to

the Conwell Foundation Fund. The individual pledges ranged from twenty-five to three hundred dollars.

The quota of a successful alumni campaign was \$750,000, and after a city campaign, concluding on February 15, 1927, the Executive Committee, with the aid of the National Advisory Committee, under the chairmanship of Edward W. Bok, will conduct a nationwide campaign in order to complete the aims of the Foundation. Among the men of national and international prominence who are serving on the National Advisory Committee are Charles Evans Hughes, former Secretary of State; George Harvey, former Ambassador to England; Charles M. Schwab; General W. W. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Richard Washburn Child, former Ambassador to Italy and noted author; Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania; Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin; Governor Alvan T. Fuller, of Massachusetts; Dr. S. Parkes Cadman; Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University; Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, president of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and others.

Radio is figuring conspicuously in the campaign. Every Philadelphia broadcasting station has volunteered its facilities for telling the story of Temple. In the motion picture theatres a film "Philadelphia's Heritage" was shown. One of the principal features of the campaign was the national observance of February 13 as "Russell H. Conwell Memorial Sunday." On that day clergymen in all parts of the country spoke on the life and work of Dr. Conwell, and exhorted their congregations to contribute to the fund for the erection of the "Temple of Learning" as an outstanding monument to his memory.





Interior Views of Theta Alpha's New Home

## New Colonial Home Pride of Theta Alpha Chapter

BY L. A. SIMPSON, Θ A '28

On January twenty-second Theta Alpha chapter held open house in its new home by way of celebrating the culmination of the most stupendous effort in its history. The dream of all its members had been realized and a magnificent addition to the buildings at the University of New Hampshire had been made.

The building is situated on a commanding knoll on Madbury Road, Durham, New Hampshire. The entire campus can be seen from the upper story windows in one direction and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, some fourteen miles distant, is visible in the other direction. The building is of Colonial architecture, in keeping with the rest of the structures on the campus. It is seventy-two feet long by thirty-four feet wide, and is designed to accommodate forty-five men.

Ground was broken for the new house on April fifteenth and it was expected to be ready for occupancy in September. However, due to inadequate soundings the presence of a great amount of rock in the subgrade was not detected until the work of excavation commenced. Practically the entire basement had to be excavated in rock. This delayed the construction so that the house was not completed until late in December. The boys moved in just before going home for the Christmas vacation.

The solution of the financing of the new home was the first hurdle to be overcome in the projected construction. The cost of the house was \$45,000. This amount was secured without dunning the alumni for money and without any gifts from wealthy alumni. It was raised almost entirely by mortgages and a scheme of financing was worked out such that the entire debt will be liquidated within twenty years.

The front entrance is distinguished by a large portico with four pillars. The first floor contains the kitchen, dining room, living room and music room. In the basement there are, in addition to the heating apparatus, a large fraternity room, twenty by thirty-five feet, a smoking room, shower baths, and storage space. The second floor contains fourteen study rooms with accommodations for two and three men each, with the exception of one which accommodates four

men. The third floor has a large sleeping deck, a room for the chef, two study rooms, each furnished to accommodate four men, and a room which will be reserved for the alumni.

The hallways are all finished in Colonial ivory and mahogany. A feature of the interior is the panelled stairway of whitewood in the front hall. The panelling is finished in Colonial ivory and the stairs are mahogany. All stairways have been covered with battleship linoleum. The lower hall is furnished with two large rugs of two-



Exterior of New House

toned taupe, a Windsor settle and a mahogany table. The hardwood floors have been waxed throughout the house.

The living room is furnished in the natural wood, and the walls are of Colonial ivory. The curtains are white with mulberry and rose overdrapes. The furniture is of club room oak and consists of one large center table, two divans, four Morris chairs and eight leather-cushioned chairs. There are, also, two taupe rugs and two floor lamps.

The music room is also finished in the natural wood and Colonial ivory. In this room there are eight Windsor chairs, two gate-legged tables, and a Windsor settle as well as the piano and victrola. The curtains are like those in the living room, white with mulberry and rose overdrapes. There are also two taupe rugs and a floor lamp.

The dining room is finished in Colonial ivory—both walls and

woodwork. There are ten tables and forty chairs, all finished in robin's egg blue. The curtains in the dining room are white with overdrapes to match the furniture. The room is of such size as to allow the waiters sufficient space to move about with ease.

The smoking room in the basement is finished in the natural wood with the walls of chamois color. The furniture consists of one large overstuffed divan, one oak divan, two oak card tables, one center table, three overstuffed chairs, five oak chairs, and a victrola. The smoking room is also Theta Alpha's hall of fame, where the pictures of past Masters and varsity letter men are hung around the walls. On the shelf above the fireplace are loving cups won in interfraternity competition.

The walls of the study rooms are of rough sand finish of chamois color. The woodwork is silver gray with the furniture finished in the same color. The curtains in the study room are white and the overdrapes are of dark blue.

The large "deck" on the third floor has ten double-decked beds and twenty-one cots, and there is still plenty of room for more.

The electric fixtures are especially varied and beautiful. The dining room has two center chandeliers and six side brackets, all of brushed silver. In the front hallway are two fixtures of polished brass. The living and music rooms each have two center chandeliers and five brackets of solid brass. The fixtures in the smoking room are of Spanish polychrome.

The exterior landscape treatment has not been completed yet, but the plans call for grading the front lawn into two wide terraces. Curved flanking sidewalks will add to the effectiveness of the exterior appearance.

## The Phi Beta Kappa Sesquicentennial Anniversary

BY LYLE W. OHLANDER, H A '25.

A century and a half ago, during the winter following the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, in 1775, the "first year of the commonwealth" as the original minutes read, the first meetings of Phi Beta Kappa were held. In celebration of that



event, and in honor of its founders, Phi Beta Kappa gathered its members at William and Mary College, at Williamsburg, Virginia, the birthplace of the fraternity, on November 27, 1926, and with fitting service dedicated a memorial hall of colonial design to the two great objects of the fraternity, "scholarship and friendship".

Like other societies of its day, the original group was a literary and social club, with a Latin name, Societas Philosophiae, translated freely, "Society of Philosophy", and with a Greek motto mean-

L. W. Ohlander, H A '25

ing "Philosophy, the Guide of Life". The initials of the Greek motto are the Greek letters, Phi, Beta, and Kappa, and it is by those letters that the great fraternity is now known. The initials of the Latin name were placed on one side of the original Key, with the date of founding, December 5, 1776, and on the other side appeared the Greek letters,  $\Phi$  B K, with a hand pointing to a group of stars, signifying aspiration. Of the meetings, it is said, that "the members met to debate, discuss current topics, drink toasts and devise methods 'to instruct the species in the arts of humanity and the science of universal friendship.'"

More than all its contributions to college fraternal life, the idea of nationalism was perhaps the best. Previously, clubs belonged to a particular college or university and had no branches elsewhere. But we find in the minutes of May 4, 1779, "It being suggested that it might tend to promote the designs of this institution and redound to the honor and advantage thereof at the same time," that other

branches be established. For that reason, and the society being desirous that "the  $\Phi$  B K should be extended to each of the United States", one Elisha Parmele was authorized to establish chapters in Harvard and Yale, which he did during the winter of 1780-1781. From these beginnings the society has grown to 107 chapters, with a living membership of 50,000. This idea of democracy and expansion has found expression in two utterances, one a resolution of the society, that "It is repugnant to the liberal principles of societies, that they should be confined to any particular place, men or description of men, but that they should be extended to the wise and virtuous of every degree, and of whatever country." And the other, of a prominent Phi Beta Kappa: "I conceive that the institution of the Phi Beta Kappa will have the happy tendency to destroy prejudices that too frequently subsist between different universities, and make them act on a more liberal principle."

The memorial building consists of an auditorium sufficiently large to seat 1200 persons, with several guest rooms to house visiting  $\Phi$  B K's, and with a replica of the famous Apollo room in the Raleigh tavern of Williamsburg, where the society originated and the first meetings were held. It is of colonial design and occupies a prominent place on the campus of Williams and Mary.

The program of the dedication exercises began with an academic procession proceeding from the Main Building to the Memorial Hall, music being rendered by the college orchestra. The invocation was given by Dr. William A. R. Goodwin, member of the faculty of William and Mary.

Dr. Oscar M. Voorhees, Secretary of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, gave the presentation address, and Dr. John Stewart Bryan, Vice-Rector of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College, accepted the hall on behalf of the college authorities.

The Sesquicentennial oration which was worth coming miles to hear, was delivered by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, writer, diplomat, teacher, and minister. He urged what he termed "a democratic aristocracy" as one of the outstanding needs of the present day. He urged a better recognition of the efforts of teachers everywhere. And he spoke of "Scholarship and Friendship, the two treasures of the golden key", in connection with the fraternity, and for the scholar himself the need of associations. "More than other men the scholar needs friendship to sweeten and enlarge his life."



Dr. John Erskine, of Columbia University, delivered the Sesquicentennial poem, titled "Reading the Stars."

Dr. Charles F. Thwing, President of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, delivered the dedication address, dedicating the hall to the memory of the fifty founders, whose names include John Marshall, Bushrod Washington, William Short, and others. These names were for a long time unknown, and for that reason they had not been previously so honored. It happened that the chapter at Williamsburg, lived a short though eventful life. In 1781, the British forces approached Williamsburg, and caused a dissolution of the University and an end to the fraternity there for a time, and the members, "thinking it most advisable that the papers should not be removed, determined to deliver them sealed into the hands of the College Steward, to remain with him until the desirable event of the Society's resurrection. And this deposit they make in the sure and certain hope that the Fraternity will one day rise to life everlasting and glory immortal." Those papers remained hidden until in the year 1896 they were brought to light, and this present opportunity was taken to honor those men fittingly.

The benediction was pronounced by The Right Reverend Collins Denny.

After a buffet luncheon, those who attended the convention were either taken to Yorktown, Jamestown, or shown about in Williamsburg, all very old and interesting places.

In the evening a Virginia dinner was served in the College Rectory, followed by speeches, President J. A. C. Chandler, of William and Mary, presiding.

Dr. Frances W. Shepardson, Vice President of the United Chapters, was toastmaster. Of the speakers, Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, representing the governor of Virginia, spoke of the Commonwealth; Dr. Mary E. Wooley, President of Mount Holyoke College, spoke for the women in Phi Beta Kappa; and Dr. John H. Finley, of the New York Times, spoke for the learned societies.

Membership of the Society has extended in every generation since its founding to the most famous men and women in all walks of life. There were John Quincy Adams, Joseph Story, Wendell Phillips, the poets Bryant and Longfellow, the writers, Emerson



## Henry H. James

BY SHERMAN ELBRIDGE JOHNSON

Men may come to the George Washington campus, and men may go, but seldom is found a man who renders such signal service to his fraternity and his school as Henry H. James.

This writer has been associated with Henry James for three years now, and in this time his name has always been before the school,

and always in commendation. He made the best Master that Eta Alpha chapter ever had, one who was liked by all, and who by his clear fairness and justice won the respect of every man with whom he came in contact. Petty chapter squabbles, which at times are present in every organization, were ironed out as if by magic by a few words from Henry James.

In the time he has been in school, which in the minds of most undergraduates "runneth not to the contrary," he has held nearly every honor conceivable, and has worked his way through the university with admirable persistence. He is at present an engineer on the Arlington Memorial Bridge, which will span the Potomac



Henry H. James, H A '27

from the Lincoln Memorial to Arlington, facing historic Custis-Lee mansion. He is married and the father of a little girl.

"Jimmy" has been master of Theta Upsilon Omega, president of Pi Delta Epsilon honorary journalistic fraternity, president of Sigma Tau engineering fraternity, and is at present the president of the Pyramid senior honor society, which is probably the finest honor that undergraduates can bestow. He is a member of Gate and Key, the honorary interfraternity society, a member of the George Washington Press Club, president of the George Washington Engineering Society, and is secretary of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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## The Value of Foreign Study

By JAMES J. GATHERCOAL, Δ A '26

Brother Gathercoal is at present supplementing his University of Illinois architectural course with a year of free lance studying and observation in Europe, wandering and sketching as his fancy dictates. We asked him to give us his ideas on the value of such study to an American student, and he obligingly sent us the following.

To say that travel abroad is scholastically a revelation is correct, but it benefits the person concerned only to such an extent as his appreciation and understanding are developed. It is not only the line of least resistance to go abroad, continue to think as we have been taught to think, judge as nature has developed us to judge, and even to speak our native tongue, but rather a course almost everyone finds himself taking and by all means natural.

Each student has a personal assortment of problems and desires, making necessary a somewhat general exception to any statement of the value of foreign study. The schools are so numerous in style, size, and value, that one is forced to consider them quite individually. We should look to Europe as a place to perfect an already developed mind as well as a place of mystical illusions and experiences from which each individual profits to a different degree.

That is to say, for example, that within the cathedral lies much mental sustenance, bits of which all of us easily carry away, but whose entirety can only be received and appreciated by a small minority. The charm of dingy streets, desolate dwellings of dilapidated form in hill towns and plains is all too great to be properly and completely imbibed, again, except by a very few. The study of the people themselves is a great consideration. Although we realize the wealth of differences these foreign individuals possess, few of us can define these differences or explain them.

Artists in Paris are both a revelation and a disgust. For example, at Fontainebleau is a school of architecture. Most architectural students with whom I have come in contact back home would be quite perplexed by the manner of procedure observed here. Men at work on supreme renderings can be seen crawling barefooted over their drawings and using mannerisms indescribable. One of us is led to wonder how they ever accomplish anything, as they are resting most of the time. Still we know that great things come from this source.

*The Louvre*  
*Charm Immortal*



*France*  
*Maison de Bayeux*

If one is interested in learning how to handle money as well as how to dispose of it, I suggest a few months in Europe. One is forced to give it much more consideration than back home, and can not help but broaden one's senses of its use and value.

Just as many things artistic are appreciated only by those who are trained to perceive them, so many things of other natures are felt by only a few. I do not mean to speak entirely on the subject of architecture, but in my architecturally hoodwinked state of mind, I know that I have not realized a world of value that exists here and that is not visible to me.



#### THE ILLUSTRATIONS

Brother Gathercoal has explained the drawings which he sent with his article in his own delightful style. Of the drawing on page 20 he says:

"Not long ago I was out in the environs of Paris on a bicycle, with gloom coming down in the form of rain, and I approached this. Europe is full of this sort of thing which, as I said, has not value to merit everyone's seeing it."

Of the Louvre, he says: "Before coming to Europe I did not even partially conceive of anything so absorbing and magnificent as this building impressed me as being. Few times in my life have I been carried away, but the charm of this building was sufficient."

The other sketch on page 19, of a house in Bayeux, he describes as "an example of small town stuff that has aged a bit, and in its decrepitude breathes a charm and beauty not expressible in drawing. It possesses a warmth of color incopiable. While this is no great pillar of Normandy architecture, it certainly has the spirit."

## History of Phi Alpha Pi and Kappa Alpha Chapter

By W. H. SHARPE, K A '23

If you please, let us project ourselves into the future. Who cares what marks were made? Of what concern now are the petty honors and achievements, even though they were won by toil and effort? The glories of the field of sport have been forgotten. Forensic battles have slipped beyond the view of memory. Forgotten all will be, save the one gleaming recollection which can never die—friendship.

Thus it was friendship that caused a group of college men to meet in the room of Layton Fraser and Hiram Sharpe at Davidson College on April 22, 1922, and form a fraternity known as Phi Alpha Pi. The fourteen charter members of the organization are, named in the order of their initiation: Thomas Layton Fraser, Hinesville, Georgia; William Hiram Sharpe, De Funiak Springs, Florida; Jean Patrick Booth, Laurinburg, North Carolina; Albert Crossley Wildman, Parmele, North Carolina; Charles Franklin Wildman, Parmele, North Carolina; Richard Graham White, Pensacola, Florida; Kenneth Fergeson Menzies, Hickory, North Carolina; William Wallace Purdy, Pensacola, Florida; Paul Morrison Patterson, Tientsin, China; James Leroy Steele, Atlanta, Georgia; Edward Cline Moomaw, Roanoke, Virginia; Wilson Rudolph Kretchmar, Bradentown, Florida; Frederick Kurtland Fleagle, Davidson, North Carolina; and William Allen Patterson, Littleton, North Carolina.

The letter Phi stands for friendship, Alpha for scholarship, and Pi stands for four-squareness, socially, morally, mentally, and physically.

The motto of the fraternity was *Omnibus Amicus Esse*, "to be a friend to all", the flower was the pansy, and the colors were purple and old gold. The pin was somewhat the shape of a flower with three prongs, each containing one of the letters  $\Theta$  A  $\Pi$ , surrounding the center, which contained a skull and crossbones. Around the skull and crossbones was a chain of fourteen links, representing the fourteen charter members.

The first officers elected were T. L. Fraser, Grand Cyclops; J. P. Booth, Cyclops; A. C. Wildman, secretary; C. F. Wildman, treasurer; R. G. White, sergeant-at-arms; and J. L. Steele, assistant ser-





Kappa Alpha's Chapter House

geant-at-arms. The room of Sharp and Fraser was made the temporary headquarters of the fraternity. The first smoker was held there on May 4, 1922.

On May 15, an informal banquet was held in the Gamma Sigma Epsilon hall. It was at this time that Brother Fleagle made a most encouraging talk to the young fraternity. The chapter considers itself most fortunate in being able to call Dr. Fleagle its first honorary member.

Frederick Kurtland Fleagle, A.B., M.A., Ped.M., Ped.D., University of Michigan, came to Davidson after years of distinguished service elsewhere in the field of education. After traveling extensively in Europe, he spent several years in Porto Rico, first as principal of the Normal School and later as Dean of the University of Porto Rico, which office he held for over ten years. At the time of his election to the Chair of Spanish of Davidson College, he was Dean of the Marion Military Institute in Alabama.

All of the members except J. L. Steele returned to college in September, 1922. At the first of that year the fraternity leased a hall in the Sloan Building, and with the purchase of a handsome three-piece parlor suite, a victrola, piano, and other furnishing, Phi Alpha Pi took on the appearance of a real fraternity.

The first formal banquet was held in the home of Mrs. Smith on Concord Avenue, on the evening of October 13, 1922. Twelve guests were present. October 27, 1922, Edwin Arthur West, '24, had the honor of being the first man pledged to the fraternity. He was initiated November 3, 1922.

On November 16 a constitution was adopted. January 12, 1923, the coat of arm, designed by A. C. Wildman, was formally adopted. It consisted of a shield, on the lower part of which were two lions supporting the Phi Alpha Pi pin; in the upper right hand corner of the shield were crossbones and a skull; a cross was in the upper left hand corner; behind the shield, two spears were crossed; above it were crossed a key and sword. In the lower angle formed by these was a shining star; stretched over the top of the shield was a ribbon bearing the motto *Omnibus Amicus Esse*; underneath the shield was a ribbon bearing the letters  $\Theta A \Pi$ ; a palm branch extended around each side of the shield.

Seven members of the class of 1926 were pledged and initiated that year. By this time the fraternity was well established and began



to take part in the life on the campus as the older fraternities were doing. The next year six new members were taken in.

In December, 1923, R. Graham White represented Phi Alpha Pi at the interlocal fraternity conference, held in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. At this conference Phi Alpha Pi was invited to become a member of Theta Upsilon Omega, and since that time has been known as Kappa Alpha chapter of T. U. O. The chapter's growth has been steady from that time on, although



Kappa Alpha Chapter

Kappa Alpha has at times been handicapped by the failure of brothers to return to school.

The chapter is in a house for the first time this year, owing to a revision of the college restrictions on the occupation of houses by fraternities, and at the end of a short rushing season pledged seven men to T. U. O. The prospects for Kappa Alpha in the days to come are the brightest that the chapter has ever looked forward to, and much is to be expected in the future.

## Davidson College

BY WILLIAM R. WEAVER, K A '28

Approximately a quarter of a century before the Revolution, a little group of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians came to America and chose North Carolina for their home. Pleased with its delightful climate and excellent farm lands, they settled in the foothills of a great mountain range, calling their section of the state Piedmont Carolina. There, in the gently rolling hills and slopes, they prospered

and thrived and were enabled to give their time to those qualities which they had brought with them from the Old Country; namely, their love of liberty, of religion, and of learning. In their new life of prosperity, these deep-seated characteristics were revived and grew to sizes of greater and greater importance. The first, their love of liberty, resulted in the Mecklenburg Declaration, that brave forerunner of our National Declaration. The second, of religion, bore fruit in scores of vigorous churches, and generations of men and women filled with a deep sense of religious morals and duties. The third, of learning, led to the establishment of many classical academies, and a half-century later to the founding of Davidson College.

The originator of the movement in regard to founding the College was Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, D. D., who at the spring meeting of Concord Presbytery in 1835, secured the adoption of a resolution appointing a committee to take charge of the raising of funds and the selection of a site for an institution of learning. At the fall meeting this committee reported and the Presbytery thereupon passed a resolution, stipulating that the institution should be called "Davidson College", "as a tribute to the memory of Gen. William Davidson, who, fearlessly contending for the liberty of his country, fell in the battle of Cowan's Ford". Several other presbyteries, a few months later, added their strength to that of Concord and these churches soon raised over \$30,000 for the new institution, so on March 1, 1837, Davidson College began its career with 66 students in attendance and Dr. Morrison as its first president.

The College, after such a modest start, continued its existence, although with great difficulty on account of its meager resources, until 1854, when Maxwell Chambers, a wealthy merchant of Salisbury, N. C., bequeathed it a residuary legacy of \$250,000. This substantial increase in funds enabled Davidson to erect a stately main building, called Chambers Building in honor of its donor, and costing \$85,000. Along with this came the purchase of expensive scientific apparatus and mineralogical cabinets and also an increase in the number of instructors on the faculty. Unfortunately, however, just as this boom of prosperity and progress came upon the College, the Civil War broke to check its development. The number in the student body was not decreased to any extent, on account of the youthfulness of most of the students, but of a munificent ante-

bellum endowment only about one-fourth survived the financial ruin of the South that followed in the wake of the war. But this proved only a temporary set-back, and during the years 1870-71, the College began to prosper again more rapidly than was expected under the conditions resulting from the war.

And from those years on, Davidson has grown in size and strength, although it was only by the heroic self-denial and untiring labors of her supporters that the College was able to maintain its standard during this half-century following the war.



New Chambers Building, Davidson College

By successive campaigns in different years and by special memorial gifts and legacies, the general endowment has grown to \$600,000, with special endowments amounting to \$85,000, and one on the plant and equipment totalling \$950,000. A conservative estimate has placed the value of the College holdings at \$1,500,000. In addition to the above endowments, Davidson is also participant in the Duke Education Foundation, from which it derives a large income each year, so the College is now on its feet in a financial way, a state which it has hardly attained before.

The original Chambers building was destroyed by fire November 28, 1921 and a large building is in process of construction to re-

place the old structure. One wing of the new building is completed, containing administrative offices, twenty class rooms and professors' offices.

The student body has kept pace with the growth of the College, and has in fact exceeded the limit which the plant and equipment justify, so the College officers have kept the number of students at approximately 600, which represents the maximum at present.

Davidson is well-known in the South, being ably represented by her athletic and literary activities. She is football champion of North Carolina for 1926, and always ranks high in other sports. Her literary societies are strong organizations and excellent debating teams are produced. The publications also occupy a high place in campus life and rank among the best. In every way, Davidson can be considered high up in the rank of colleges and universities.

Davidson College is now entering upon its best years of prosperity and advancement and today stands as a fitting monument to the founders who worked so faithfully, and with their love of patriotism, religion, and learning, incorporated these admirable qualities in the motto on the College Seal: *Alenda lux ubi orta libertas*.

## The Spirit at Miami Today

By A. L. REAS, *Beta Beta '29*

A new spirit is permeating the Miami student body. It is similar to that which existed during the years that Miami was winning Ohio Conference championships with such clock-like regularity. Due to this similarity, there are students on the campus who attempt to ascribe this new feeling to the successes of the football team last fall. However, it is the opinion of others, and probably a majority, that the football team is a product of the new spirit rather than that the spirit is a product of the team's success. There is no doubt that this spirit will carry on, for it is increasing in its power month by month.

It is hard to tell what this thing is but the air seems charged with something that is causing students to forge ahead in every field of endeavor, in a manner that has not been duplicated for at least the past four years. In every phase of the University life and activity, there is a determination manifested, and a friendly rivalry engendered, that speaks well of the class of men and women now attending Miami.

Not the least of the products of this indefinable atmosphere is the launching of a Miami Chest Drive. Following the plans of city community chest drives, the student body is raising six thousand dollars in a lump sum to take care, for the year, of all charities working through universities. It is a step in advance over the old hit and miss system of soliciting, and it points to initiative and efficiency on the part of those behind it.

Scholarship is showing the results of the awakening on the campus, and the day of the man who prided himself on simply "getting-by" is gone. Fraternities are handling scholarship through their chapters; and there is not a fraternal group on the campus which is not making a conscious effort to make a strong bid for the scholarship cup.

There has never been a greater proportion of the student body participating in campus activities than there is now, and competition is becoming increasingly keen in dramatic, music, literary endeavor, and leadership on the campus.

The Pan-Hellenic Council is doing its part in the new movement of progress and liberalism, is coöperating with the University to the fullest extent in putting across those projects requiring the support of the fraternities. It takes its own part in those features of campus work that appear to be disadvantageous to the fraternities, but it has evidenced a desire to make concessions for the good of the University. An example of this is best illustrated in the Council's attitude toward the faculty ruling that the number of freshmen eating at fraternity houses be restricted to five. Immediately, the organizations came to the agreement that since the University needed these men in its dining halls, the fraternities would of necessity take care of the proposition by pledging larger classes. Accordingly, fraternity freshman classes attained a new record when one of the fraternal groups pledged twenty-six men.

The day of fraternity politics in athletics, student government, and other extra-curricular life is going. No one denies that it exists in minor activities, but this does no harm, and it will probably never return to those phases which mean so much to the University at large. This is not the result of education, instruction, or anything else but atmosphere—it is so because the students have willed it so. That is the atmosphere that predominates on our campus, and it is the atmosphere that will make for a greater Miami.



## A College Boy's Girls \*

*Margaret*

BY HAYDEN PEARSON, Θ A '26

Every college boy wants to take Margaret around. Many of them do—once or twice. For Margaret is tall, calm and beautiful. She can wear clothes better than Gloria Swanson. At a dance, she attracts much favorable attention, as far as looks go.



But O, Margaret is sedate; almost too cold to be human. Jolly conversation, and rough and ready good times, are out of her sphere. Some of the seniors brutally call her "dumb". When a fellow steps out with her, he always wears the best clothes he has, or his fraternity brothers can produce.

Fellows don't go walking with Margaret on Sunday afternoons, for with her a comfortable old sweater, and trousers without creases seem out of place. It is impossible to conceive of her lolling comfortably on the bank

of the brook, reading a happy love story to an adoring swain.

The trouble with Margaret is that she's not meant for everyday life, and even the proverbial careless college boy knows that life is largely an everyday affair.

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## Sanborn Tells of Engineering Difficulties in the Bahamas

Leonard F. Sanborn, B A '25, in writing for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Journal of his experiences as a construction engineer on the Fort Montagu Hotel at Nassau, N. P. in the Bahamas, relates in part as follows:

The climate of the Bahamas is much similar to that of Florida except that, being a small island, New Providence is never subject to frosts, and has a more even temperature than the southern States.

The temperature in winter is ideal for work or amusement, and in summer does not feel excessive, thanks to the breeze which is present in varying degrees and directions throughout the year.

Rain is nearly all confined to the months of September and October, but during my stay there the rainy season was conspicuous by its absence. Fierce squalls of rain come with practically no warning at any hour of the day or night throughout the year and as a rule are over very quickly. During the construction of the hotel hardly one day was totally lost on account of rain, though many were interrupted.

The island consists of coral rock, of which more will be said later in connection with its effect on construction work. All around the island the sea is dotted with cays, rocks, and dangerous reefs, while the water is shallow even in the harbor, requiring large ships to anchor outside the bar. The interior contains rank vegetation common to the tropics, including many varieties of palms and a large pine barren. There are two inland lakes, Killarney and Cunningham, of slightly brackish water, covering large areas; and a low range of hills.

Nassau is a quaint old fashioned town with narrow streets made picturesque by sponge carts and little two-wheeled drays drawn by "horses" the size of ponies, "sea going hacks" commonly known by visitors as "hay burners" and innumerable bicycles with the modern addition of automobiles and trucks. All vehicles pass on the left according to English custom. The only other settlements are Negro villages in all parts of the island, although country estates are more or less grouped together. The Florida real estate boom has extended to Nassau and resulted in prospective land division with corresponding increase in values, so-called.



The population of the island is about fifteen thousand of which approximately three thousand are white. The majority of the white inhabitants are of English descent, especially the more permanent residents. The land boom has brought in many Americans, and there are a few representatives of nearly all European types.

The negroes seem peculiar to one making their acquaintance for the first time, but they cannot be justly compared to the American negroes without an intimate knowledge of both types. They are at least fifty per cent illiterate and in general very happy-go-lucky, like the proverbial dorky who was not interested in an opportunity to earn a quarter because he's "done got a quarter".

The members of this poor class of negroes are born beggars, and apparently believe that the only sin connected with dishonesty is in being caught. There are some more intelligent representatives of the race, such as those who hold seats in the House of Assembly, and others who practice law in the Nassau courts.

For those who wish to work there is no lack of opportunity at Nassau. Possibly the predominant industry is sponging. That statement may be taken both literally and as a pun. In addition there is considerable trade in tortoise shell, conch shell, pearls (found in conches), coconuts, tomatoes, and sisal. Farming as it is known in America is practically unknown on New Providence islands and impossible due to rock outcroppings everywhere, but vegetables and fruit are grown on the outer islands.

The chief reason for increasing prosperity is the influx of tourists. The best existing hotel, owned by the Munson Steamship Line, cannot begin to accommodate the visitors who wish to come each winter. Many homes are rented for the winter season and still the demand is greater than the supply. This is the state of affairs which made possible the building of the Fort Montagu Hotel.

The hotel is situated two miles east of Nassau and about 300 feet from the beach. From hotel rooms on the north, south, and east, one may watch boat races in the harbor or look out over Hog Island to the scattered cays and open sea beyond.

Of interest to the members of the fraternity in the engineering profession are some of the details of the construction of the Fort Montagu Hotel related in Brother Sanborn's paper:

All foundation walls had to go to rock and the rock surface was cut to form an even bearing for the concrete. Also a reservoir for the storage of rain water had to be excavated from solid rock, about

70 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 10 feet deep. The quality of the rock varies a great deal, some spots being hard enough to turn the point of a drill and others being quite porous or soft. Dynamite was ineffective unless the shots were placed close together and even then failed to shatter the rock except directly over the charge and within a small radius. The last two feet were below sea level and the rock was so impregnated with water that it seeped into the pit and rose and fell with the tide. This necessitated pumping and the only engine to be found on the island which proved at all effective was an antique fire engine which kept a mechanic busy all the time. When the floor was finally poured, the water was kept out until the concrete had set enough to resist the water pressure. The concrete was all waterproofed with a standard compound.

The native masons used on all masonry work required very strict supervision to avoid careless work. Particularly on floor finishing a perfect piece of work seemed entirely beyond the skill of the men available. The greatest problem throughout the job, both with laborers and skilled workmen, so-called, was to devise foolproof methods by which the work could be laid out and left to the men. In every kind of work they had to be shown by setting them an example, and especially in the case of native carpenters, who had to be told even how to use their tools to the best advantage. Work was often interrupted by English holidays which the men carefully observed, in many cases without knowing what the holiday was.

## Fraternities and Campus Activities •

BY DAVID E. WILSON, E A '27

Fraternities, and consequently fraternity men, are the campus leaders at any institution. This is a truth as recognized as the axioms of geometry.

Peruse at your leisure the fraternity list of any school and you will find the outstanding students scheduled therein. By outstanding it is not necessarily meant those with high grades. However, it usually follows that the students who are doing most for the school through extra-curricular activities, the workers for the institution, are also the ones making the best grades in their studies.

By reason of this more or less natural gravitation of the leaders

to the fraternities, these organizations have a great part to play in the activities of the school. Dances, dramatic productions, sporting events and other things are talked over in the club rooms of the fraternities. Many times the plans are given birth in these informal discussions. They are the caucuses of the institution.


This power to influence the welfare and progress of the school's extra-curricular activities is a privilege which the fraternities should cherish and safeguard. They should keep their standards high so that only men with the best interests of the school at heart could enter their council halls. It is a challenge to every frater to bring up only the best men of his acquaintance for his fraternity.

By being careful and selective the fraternity will build on a foundation which will rear it high in the esteem of all the students of the school. This selection will naturally bring in the leaders.

A worthy man creates no enmity among the non-fraternity population. This is important. The fraternity as a leader can get nowhere if it is at odds with the student body as a whole. If the fraternity is to help the school it must lead.

Fraternities should not obstruct the activities of the school by their petty politics and "wire pulling." Too many of them have realized their influence and have taken advantage of it. Just recently a certain football coach, realizing that the election of a grid captain caused considerable "enjoyable politics" for the fraters held the election immediately following the last game. He had the pleasure of knowing he had an unbiased choice for perhaps the first time. The fraternities were "sore." They did not have the chance to "do their stuff."

This is the wrong attitude. Fraternities have a great opportunity to aid their school. They have the campus leaders and organizations to aid them in carrying out the plans which have been decided on. With these assets the fraternities of any school should put aside the petty jealousies between themselves and work hard for the institution itself. They live only as it lives and the life of the college or university depends on its extra-curricular activities. Therefore, they should aim for clean activities with whole-hearted participation.



# Editorials

## *Financial Responsibilities*

One of the provisions of the last Arch Convocation has already begun to bear fruit; namely, official chapter inspection. A number of chapters have already been visited and their difficulties diagnosed and remedial measures prescribed. An ailment which borders on the chronic in many chapters, and which is the cause of ninety per cent of their financial difficulties, is the matter of laxness in collecting board, rent, and chapter dues from members.

A prime requisite for the assumption of the privileges of fraternity membership is, in our estimation, the ability to meet its financial obligations. Most fraternity chapters budget their expenses on a margin so close that failure to collect dues will run it into a hole faster than anything we know of. The result is that the credit of the chapter is impaired among local merchants, and the members have to dig deep at the end of the year to pay outstanding bills.

In some chapters, members fall into these bad habits from the start by being permitted to defer payment of a portion of the initiation fee. This is an exceedingly dangerous policy to pursue. To a recorder who gets into office and finds a precedent of lax collection policies of several years' standing, it may seem like a hopeless task to institute reforms, but it can be done. This policy of chapter financing would certainly be of the greatest moment if it were to seek financial aid from the national organization.

One of the most effective schemes for combating the evil is to deny house privileges to any member who is in arrears in the payment of house bills for a period exceeding, say, twenty days. As a last resort, board and rent bills may be collected by law.

## *Indispensable*

The publication of a recent issue of *The Rattle* of Theta Chi was unavoidably delayed for a month. Its able editor, George Starr Lasher, was gratified to learn, through the receipt of numerous letters and telegrams inquiring into the delay, that the paper was missed.

While our curiosity is not so great that we would intentionally delay an issue for a month to satisfy it, we have often wondered if the *Omegon* would be missed if it should fail to appear. We really question that it would. That is a question we should like every member to ask himself.

If the answer is that the *Omegon* would not be missed, it should be discontinued and the members saved the expense of publication and the editor spared the work which is now breaking down his health. If the *Omegon* is, on the other hand, regarded as a valuable asset to the fraternity, the next Arch Convocation should make such provision as to insure absolutely its continued growth and activity.

Several fraternity editors we know would scoff at the idea that material presented in the form that it is in the *Omegon* could be interesting to anyone. However, we have never regarded our fraternity magazine as a competitor on the library table with current fiction magazines or tabloid newspapers. We do not resort to color work in the body of the magazine, nor harass the printer for pseudo-professional make-up and type display.

We aim, insofar as is possible, to present a chronology of the important events in the history of the fraternity, and to do this in an interesting manner. We rely for our readers upon those who have a genuine interest in the fraternity.

## *A Permanent Form for Your Omegans*

We have made arrangements with a bookbinder for the binding of the *Omegon* into volumes. Any members who are interested in having their copies bound may send them to the office of the Arch Editor before April 1, 1927. The charge will be two dollars per volume for a three-quarters leather binding. A certain number of missing back copies can be furnished at a cost of fifty cents each.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## Beta Alpha

## Worcester Polyclinic Institute

The twenty-first annual convocation of Beta Alpha chapter was held at the house on February twenty-second, with about seventy-five active and associate members present. Brother T. D. Hayes acted as toastmaster at the convocation banquet. The regular routine business of the chapter was transacted, and twelve freshmen were given the third degree. The convocation dance was held on the preceding evening after an informal dinner at the chapter house. The convocation committee consisted of F. T. Johnson, C. B. Marshall and T. L. Sanderson.

The house has undergone repairs this winter and a new heating plant has been installed. The rear porch has been boarded in to make more space for the culinary department.

Two more freshmen have been added to the list of pledges. They are William E. Tate, of Northbridge, Massachusetts, and Allan Ashton, of Worcester. Both are musicians, being members of the Tech Band. The former plays the trombone and the latter the cornet.

New drastic rules for the improvement of the chapter scholastic standing were instituted last month. Any brother with more than one-half of his hours failed is denied all house privileges until his marks are brought up to passing. The rule affected three brothers last month.

Study hall for freshmen each evening during last month was instituted in the hope that the neophytes would get a good start scholastically. The plan worked out admirably. Those with any dangerous marks were compelled to attend each evening except Saturday and Sunday. Others were compelled to study in the house certain nights in the week. Upperclassmen acted as tutors and proctors.



## Gamma Alpha

## Stevens Institute of Technology

Since the last issue of THE OMEGAN, Gamma Alpha has been very busy. The annual open house party was held on January 8 and the annual banquet the following week on January 12. Both affairs were huge successes. Forty-seven attended the banquet, including Arch Editor Jansson and Pledge Reilly. Brother Claus presided as toastmaster and called for speeches from Brothers Jansson, Mitchell, Anderson, Norris, Wilkinson, Spencer and Chaillet. Brother Jansson presented the high-lights of the past convocation in an interesting manner and asked for feature articles for THE OMEGAN from members of our chapter. Brother Wilkinson, president of the associate chapter, told of the progress made at the monthly meetings of that body and of its plans for the future, including the formation of a New York T. U. O. Club and plans for enlarging the building fund. In this latter connection Brother Steele arose and announced he would donate one hundred dollars, while Brothers Wersebe and McLean, Jr., announced they would donate fifty dollars each. Brother Chaillet, Master of the active chapter, gave a most complete account of what was happening on the campus. Toward the close of the banquet election of four new members to the Chapter Council took place. Brothers Wescott, Benneche, Lankering and Hall were the successful candidates. The banquet came to a close when the gathering united in singing "A Song for Old Stevens," the college alma mater.

The house party held on January 8 after the University of Toronto-Stevens basketball game was up to the usual standard. A five piece orchestra furnished the music for about thirty couples, to say nothing of a goodly number of stags that were in attendance. In addition to the usual refreshments of punch and sandwiches, an innovation was tried out in the form of ice cream in Dixie Cups. To say it was a hit is putting it mildly. By twelve o'clock the party was at its height and stayed that way until the cows came home.

Our pledge list was increased when we pledged Kenneth J. Moser of the Junior class.

The Stevens basketball team has won six of the eleven games it has played. The conquered are Brooklyn Poly, Rensselaer, Upsala, University of Toronto, Haverford and Alumni. The conquerors are Dartmouth, Swarthmore, University of Maryland, Catholic University, and William and Mary. The last three defeats were rolled up

away from home on February 2, 3, and 5 respectively. Brother Meinhold and Pledge Meinhold made the trip with the team. It is hoped that the team will pull itself together and win the remaining three games against Trinity, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a return game with Haverford on their court.

An elimination interfraternity basketball tournament will start on February 21. Gamma Alpha's first game is with Pi Lambda Phi on February 23 and then comes the winner of the Beta Theta Pi-Delta Tau Delta game, but that is a long way off and we haven't beaten Pi Lambda Phi yet.

## Delta Alpha

## University of Illinois

Things started off with a bang last September and they have been banging ever since. In the first place, rushing week kept everybody busy. The house emerged fine, however, with eight freshmen and one sophomore as pledges.

They are Wendell Talmadge, Yorkville, Illinois; George Braun and Charles Smith, both from Joliet, Illinois; Theron Kline, Streator, Illinois; Webster Turrell, Champaign, Illinois; Alonzo Davis, Chicago; Paul Gathercoal, Wilmette, Illinois; and Walter McDaniel, Franklin, Indiana. Later on in the semester, we pledged Oliver Barron, a sophomore from Gray's Lake, Illinois.

The sophomore, Lewis Oesterling, Butler, Pennsylvania, was initiated along with the holdover pledges of last year. Hell week kept the neophytes busy.

Homecoming and Dads' Day found us with a joyful crowd and a full house each time. The Delta Alpha Dads are backing us in every way. Their enthusiasm during Dads' Day was great. We are proud of our Dads, and are trying hard to make them proud of us.

Our Pledge Dance on October 9 was a great success. Even the Pledges had a good time! Our Christmas Dance was held December 19. Both dances were held at the chapter house, and there was a feeling of homelikeness about them which has been lacking in past years because of the inability to hold our dances in our other home.

Several times during vacations and week-ends when the majority of the brothers left the campus, the stay-overs invited their friends in for Sunday dinners. The girls aided somewhat in lessening the sorrow of the fellows at having to stay on the campus instead of going home or migrating to an out-of-town football game.

We are now in the midst of a hard interfraternity basketball schedule. By virtue of only one defeat so far, we are in second place in our division. As this was our position at the close of last year's race, we are hoping to raise it this year.

The Arch Visitor, Brother Braun, came down to Urbana January 23 to conduct the installation of officers for the coming year. In a little talk at the close of the ceremony, he expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of installing the officers of his own chapter. He closed by encouraging us to greater efforts, cautioning us to avoid past mistakes, and praising us for past accomplishments. Coming at the close of one semester and the beginning of another, nothing could so fitly have ended the work of the past officers and begin the work of the new, than this short talk of Brother Braun.

With the beginning of the new semester, Delta Alpha is starting to lay plans for Mother's Day, Interscholastic (the High School Athletic Tournaments), and May Second. This last date has come to be the second Homecoming of the year for T. U. O. alumni. We are expecting a larger crowd than ever this year.

### Epsilon Alpha

### Temple University

Theta Upsilon Omega again has a football captain at Temple University. At the Annual Football Banquet last fall, two football captains were chosen to succeed Brother Cresse, who is lost to the team by graduation. Lyndell Ashburn, a pledged member of Epsilon Alpha chapter, who played his second season as guard, and Fullback Harry Jacobs were chosen to lead the team next season. Ashburn has been living at the chapter house this year and will be initiated this spring. Temple has three major grid opponents next year. Dartmouth, Brown and Bucknell are newcomers on the Cherry and White schedule.

House parties and smokers have comprised the social schedule for the past three months. Dr. A. Ray Petty, minister of Dr. Conwell's church, Grace Baptist Temple, gave an interesting talk on fraternity spirit after one of our regular meetings.

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held on March 25th at McAllister's Ballrooms. Two prominent speakers have accepted invitations and the majority of active, faculty and associate members will attend, for this dinner dance is our biggest social function of the year.

The final degrees of the spring initiation will be given to about

eighteen pledges on May 2. A pledge chapter has been organized and have shown a great interest in the fraternity by the work that they are doing.

### Zeta Alpha

### Bucknell University

Zeta Alpha takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of David J. Phillips, '30, of West Pittston, Pennsylvania, and D. L. Brubaker, '29, of Juniata, Pennsylvania.

The active chapter and pledges met for a social evening December 16, just before going home for the Christmas recess. Pledge John C. Pyle, '30, was tried for assault and battery of Brothers Rivenburg and Mitchell and Pledge-brother Davis, '30; Judge "Necessity" Anderson, '27, presided over the court. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing cards and enjoying refreshments.

A Tea Dance was held by the chapter the afternoon of Saturday, December 11. Our next dance will be the Formal, held on the evening of Saturday, February 19.

W. G. Snow, '28, and R. B. Vastine, '27, represented Zeta Alpha at the Arch Convocation.

The basketball team, in spite of injuries to the players, is looking forward to a successful season. Harry F. Bradley, '27, sustained a fracture of one of the bones of his ankle and J. R. Vastine, '28, suffered a serious dislocation of his shoulder, which will probably keep him out of the game for some time.

### Eta Alpha

### George Washington University

No letter received.

### Theta Alpha

### University of New Hampshire

Theta Alpha's new house was officially opened by an "at home" on January 22. From three o'clock until five, the house was thronged with students, faculty and townspeople, equally eager to see the results of the many hours of labor which had gone into the building of the house. Refreshments were served to the three hundred or more guests, and all in all, it was a very enjoyable party.

The brothers are now looking forward to the Winter Carnival, which is to be held February 18 and 19. The Carnival Ball will be held the first night, while on the second night, Theta Alpha is holding a formal dance in the chapter house.

Theta Alpha's hockey team has won two out of three games in the interfraternity league and bids fair to win a majority of the remaining games on the schedule. Arthur Schwarzenberg, '29, is captain of the team and David Robinson, '28, is manager.

There are now forty-three brothers living in the new house, which is its full capacity.

We were fortunate in securing Brother Chase's mother as cook for this year and she is handling her difficult job in a highly satisfactory manner.

On the evening of January 20, the members of Phi Sigma and Phi Lambda Phi were entertained at the chapter house.

Kenneth Glidden, '29, of Berwick, Maine, has recently been pledged by Theta Alpha.

An interfraternity banquet was held at the Commons on the evening of January 13. The purpose was to create better feeling among the fraternities at New Hampshire and it was a great success, practically every fraternity man on the campus being there.

## Iota Alpha

## Pennsylvania State College

The main object of our spending four years in a college is to secure an education, and judging from our mark for the last semester of last year we're getting along pretty well in that direction. The averages for one semester are not published until the middle of the next following semester but when ours came out we were elated to a certain extent. For the second semester of 1926, Iota Alpha stood number ten in thirty-seven national fraternities. This is the highest we have ever reached as a national fraternity. Marks for the first semester of this year point to an even higher standing.

It is a rule of the Interfraternity Council that freshmen may not be initiated until they have spent one semester in college. Our first underclass initiation will take place about the last week in February at which time we will initiate fifteen underclassmen. It is one of our house rules that a pledge must have an average of 70% before he is eligible for initiation.

Next fall when school opens we will be located in a different house. The lease on our present property expires September first, and we have found it to our greatest advantage to move into the Phi Kappa Sigma House at 500 West College Avenue. It is a large brick house

suitied to thirty-five men and from a business standpoint it will be a case of financial betterment.

For the benefit of any brothers from other chapters, and also for alumni of Iota Alpha we are holding several more social functions this year. The first of these is a house dance April 30, the Saturday night following the Junior Prom. The second is our annual formal dinner dance held at the Center Hills Country Club, May 23. The last is June house-party scheduled for June 14 and 15. Anyone having any intention of attending any of these affairs will be sure to get a real welcome and to have a good time. Just drop a card or write a letter to anyone at the chapter house so that we can arrange for your coming.

May second, the date of our installation, is one which we respect and always anticipate. That evening our new officers are formally installed. A banquet is served and a review of the year is presented. At this time we expect about thirty alumni back, and will gladly make preparations for any more who wish to come.

Our house has been leased for the summer session and is open to women students.

In the first round of the Interfraternity Basketball tournament we won 21-6 against the O. E. house, a local.

## Kappa Alpha

## Davidson College

Kappa Alpha had its first house party of the new year on February 5 and 6. Quite a number of feminine visitors were entertained. This pleasant recreation came as a much needed relaxation after the strenuous week of exams just preceding. The party was acclaimed a great success, due to the wonderful help given us by our house-mother, Mrs. Cranford, to whom the chapter is greatly indebted. On Saturday night, there was an informal reception, punch and other refreshments being served, while a new Orthophonic Victrola aided in livening the occasion, so in every way the week-end was enjoyed by the chapter and its guests.

As in other years, interfraternity basketball will soon be foremost in the minds of the Greeks on the "Hill". T. U. O. has been practicing for some time in order to be as well represented as possible. Last year, the Betas were vanquished in the first game, but the S. A. E.'s were too strong for Kappa Alpha chapter and T. U. O.



went down. However, we hope there will be a different story to tell this year, and the chapter is looking forward with much interest to the coming tournament.

### **Lambda Alpha**

### **Westminster College**

No letter received.

### **Beta Beta**

### **Miami University**

Beta Beta chapter sold its chapter house last fall on account of its incapacity to house a large portion of the members, and is looking for a larger and better equipped structure. The chapter is now renting the house from its purchaser and will occupy it until the middle of June. A couple of weeks ago a number of the ambitious brothers worked day and night painting the entire living quarters of the house when the owner supplied us with the paint. At the present time the house is completely filled with men.

Arch Master Stevens dropped in a couple of weeks ago to discuss with us the possibilities of buying and financing a new home.

Brother Hale, '29, will represent Miami on her wrestling team in the light heavyweight class this year. On account of illness last spring Brother Larcomb, a sturdy grappler, is unable to enter the ring.

Brother King, '29, who was unable to enter school last semester returned last week to take next semester's work.

The members of Beta Beta chapter staged a Post-Prom dance, Saturday evening, January 29, in the chapter house, partly for the benefit of our alumni who returned for the Junior Prom.

### **Gamma Beta**

### **University of California**

No letter received.

## Personals

### Sports

In addition to his duties as president of the Athletic Association and vice president of the senior class, Ted Lewis, B A '27, has been elected manager of basketball. He is also the chapter Master.

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Robert Burnham, Θ A '27, is manager of the winter sports team at New Hampshire which won the Lake Placid Meet in competition with nearly twenty other colleges from the eastern United States and Canada. Robert T. Phelps, '27, is a member of the team, which won also the Dartmouth Carnival Meet. Brother Phelps placed fourth in the two-mile snowshoe race at Dartmouth, with eight colleges competing. Alvin Reinhart, '29, and Roland Chandler, '28, are playing regularly on the New Hampshire varsity hockey team, which was undefeated at the time of writing this. Harris Hatch, '28, is also a member of the squad.

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Many T. U. O.'s are represented on varsity basketball squads. At Stevens Arthur Meinhold, '29, has been a regular for the last two years, and his brother, Pledge Meinhold, '30, is a first string substitute. He has played in nearly all of the team's game this year. F. B. Mitchell, Z A '29, has won a guard position on the Bucknell varsity. Earl Appleby, Θ A '29, is on the basketball squad at New Hampshire.

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Arnold Noyes, Θ A '29, is running on the varsity relay team at New Hampshire. Pledge Brother Pettee, Θ A '30, has won a position on the freshman relay team.

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Felton Turner of Gamma Beta is a member of the stellar golf team at the University of California.

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Wesley Rose, A A '28, was elected captain of the cross-country team at Westminster for the season of 1927.

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An accident to the eyes of "Gil" Fileger, I A '28, has put him out of the first two varsity boxing meets at Penn State. "Gil" was inter-collegiate 125-pound champion last year, and is the best man in his class this year. Luther Lawrence, Θ A '29, is out for the New Hampshire boxing team.

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C. E. Smith, I A '29, was a member of the sophomore Lacrosse team this fall. Smitty is in the running for a varsity position and it seems unlikely that he will be an "also ran" when the season is over. "Abe" Stouck I A '28, returned to Penn State last fall and took up the game again. He is b'g and fast and plays a fine game.

### Professional and Honorary Societies

C. E. Blank, '27, and C. E. Brant, '27, of Iota Alpha, have been initiated into Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity. R. T. Battey, Δ A '27, was initiated into Scabbard and Blade just before Christmas.

K. W. Mosher, Δ A '29, and L. K. Oesterling, Δ A '29, became members of Phi Delta Gamma, professional forensic fraternity.

Harold W. Bischman, '28, has been added to the ranks of Phi Alpha Lambda, general engineering fraternity at Illinois.

Edward A. Lusk, Δ A '29, has been initiated into the Intercollegiate Flying Club.

Pierre Bezy, Δ A '29, is a member of Pierrots, honorary dramatic society.

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Howard M. Baggett, H A '27, was signally honored by being one of the four men, two of them members of the faculty, to be elected to Pyramid Honor Society at George Washington University. Brother Baggett is managing editor of the University Hatchet and has served three years as a member of the Hatchet staff. He is a member of Pi Delta Epsilon and the George Washington Press Club. He is business manager of The Ghost, published by the Press Club. He has

won honors in the interclass track meets held during the past two years.

The Pyramid Society was founded in George Washington University in 1909, and its membership is limited to ten seniors annually who are leaders in some recognized branch of student activities, and who have maintained a high standard of scholarship.

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R. M. Menzies, K A '27, enjoyed a ten days' vacation during exams, being exempt in all his courses. This is a privilege allowed only to seniors who average 90 or over in their work, and there are only a few who are able to be exempted in everything. Brother Menzies is to be congratulated on his excellent grades.

### Journalism

Humorous magazines claim the spare time of many members. A. M. Shorts, Z A '29, is assistant business manager of the *Bucknell Belle-Hop*. Charles R. Nichols, '28, is Assistant Art Editor of the *Stevens Stone Mill*. Al Noderer, I A '30, has been a regular contributor to the *Penn State Froth*.

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Robert Schiller, Θ A '30, is a heeler on the *New Hampshire Staff*. "Bob" Stevenson, I A '30, and "Bill" Seese, I A '30, are working regularly on the staff of the *Penn State Collegian*.

Pledge Moser, '28, is a Junior Editor of *The State*.

### Debating

Lloyd A. Simpson, Θ A '28, is a member of the varsity debating team at New Hampshire.

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Vincent V. Pearce, E A '27, was elected president of the recently organized Lancaster County Club of Temple University. Brother Pearce is also Master of the chapter and a member of the varsity debating team.

### Music

Music, it seems, still has charms. Eddie Hawkins, I A '29, is planning to play his way around the world next summer on a Cook's Tour. Brother Hawkins plays the saxophone. We receive news from Zeta Alpha that F. B. Loper, '29, has reached the zenith of his ambitions. He has three pupils on the banjo. They are Pledges Phillips, Hamm and Mackie. He uses their banjos, by the way.

David J. Phillips, '30, and Harry R. MacKeehan, '30, are Zeta Alpha's two newest contributions to the personnel of the Bucknell's University Glee Club.



C. C. Braun  
Cavalry

R. T. Battey  
Infantry

B. Pruden  
Engineers

W. A. Freeman  
Field Artillery

Lieutenant Colonels in R. O. T. C. at University of Illinois

### Military

Delta Alpha chapter is proud of the record made by four of her members in the R. O. T. C. at the University of Illinois.

Each of these four brothers has received his commission as Student Lieutenant Colonel in his respective branch.

With the exception of the Student Colonelcy and the six Lieutenant Colonelcies designated as Chiefs of Units, this commission is the highest one granted to students in the R. O. T. C.

With four of them at the same time from Delta Alpha chapter, a campus record has been established. Up to the present time, the greatest number of Lieutenant Colonels from one house at the same time has been two.

### Social

A. H. Shorts, I A '29, was chairman of the committee for the Sophomore Cotillion, held March 12.

Elroy Chase, Θ A '27, had charge of the decorations for New Hampshire's Winter Carnival Ball on February 18.

Delta Alpha believes that she has established another campus record. Over twenty-five of the active chapter have had their applications approved for tickets to the Military Ball. Brothers Freeman, Pruden, and C. C. Braum are on the Military Ball Committee.

### Other Items

R. L. Patterson, I A '28, is a stage manager of the Penn State Players, a member of that organization, and recently elected to Theta Alpha Phi, honorary theatrical fraternity. He is also a member of the fencing team.

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Harry Westenberger, E A '28, represented Temple University at the National Y. M. C. A. Convention at Milwaukee, over the holidays.

Ray Burkley, E A '27, was a delegate from Temple to the National Student Federation Conference, held at the University of Michigan December 2, 3, and 4.

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Pierre Bezy, Δ A '29, received the Architectural Cup for designing the best decoration for fraternities and sororities during Homecoming at the University of Illinois.

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Claire Mateer, E A '29, as sales manager of the Templar, conducted the most successful year-book sale ever held at Temple University.

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L. K. Oesterling, Δ A '29, was elected secretary of the Adelphe Literary Society.



# ALUMNI NOTES

## Beta Alpha

Brother Loud, '25, has left the General Electric Company at Schenectady, to study patent law at the U. S. Patent Office in Washington.

Brother Wilkinson, '15, resigned his position with the Utica Gas and Electric Company in Utica, New York, to take a position with the New England Power Company at Worcester. He is a frequent visitor at the house, and attends most of the chapter meetings.

## Gamma Alpha

The Chapter Council for the coming year will consist of the newly elected Brothers Wescott, Benneche, Lankering and Hall, Brothers Wilkinson, Wyburn and Geisler whose terms have another year to run and the two active body delegates Brothers Sutton and Kellner. Another brother is to be elected to fill Brother Massey's unexpired term. The four members whose term expired this year are Brothers Peters, Claus, Von Hofe and Montgomery.

Kennth Hourigan, '26, writes that he will be located at Nashua, N. H., for the next seven months.

## Delta Alpha

T. H. Richey, '29, is attending the University of Southern California. He has been pledged to Delta Sigma Delta, Professional Dental Fraternity. Earl Emery and Tommy are now very closely related.

Frank A. Matteson, '27, has bought part interest in a quick lunch room near the Illinois campus in Champaign. He need not starve now.

### Zeta Alpha

The following brothers returned to the house for a short visit at the end of the first semester, January 29: H. H. Engle, '25; Ray Daggs, '26; O. E. Duemler, ex '28; A. F. Cooper, '26; Howard Thomas, '25.

Brother Cooper has decided that teaching school at Knoxville, Pennsylvania, is not enough to keep him busy, so he is going to open a tea-room there, which will be completed in a short time.

M. V. Mussina, '24, who is attending Drew Theological Seminary at Madison, New Jersey, is continuing his athletic career by playing basketball for the Madison V. M. C. A.

J. M. Shultzabarger, ex '27, is attending Columbia University, New York City.

J. B. Miller, '26, and C. A. Rosecrans, '26, were guests at the home of E. E. Halleran, '27, during the Christmas vacation.

The engagement of Miss Maude Elizabeth Lucas to Earl Emory Owens was announced to friends and relatives at a Christmas dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Lucas at their home in Sunbury, Pennsylvania. Mr. Owens will be remembered as the first Business Manager of THE OMEGAN. He graduated from Bucknell University in 1924, where he was a member of Pi Delta Epsilon and managed successfully the year book, "L'Agenda". He is now employed as statistician by the Shredded Wheat Company of Niagara Falls, New York. Miss Lucas is a graduate of Susquehanna University, with the class of 1924, and holds at present a secretarial position in the State Capitol at Harrisburg. Her father, Henry H. Lucas, is well known in Sunbury as the head of the Williamsport Division offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

### Theta Alpha

Haydn S. Pearson, '26, was elected Arch Chaplain of Theta Upsilon Omega at the Arch convocation held at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, during the Christmas holidays.

Francis Matthews, '26, is employed by the Lowell Power Company at Lowell, Massachusetts.

Waldo A. Young, '26, is employed by a clothing firm in Concord, New Hampshire.

Raymond Corey, '26, and Wallace Ware, '26, are both working for the New York Telephone Company in New York City.

Donald Pettee, '25, is teaching and coaching in the Brandon, Vermont, High School.

George Middlemas, '23, is doing a prosperous business in truck gardening in Brighton and Natick, Massachusetts.

### **Iota Alpha**

R. E. Parnell and M. T. Bunnell, graduates of the class of 1926, have taken positions as instructors in the Engineering Extension Department of the College.

Earl Gingerich, '23, at present Superintendent of the Tital Metal Company's plant at Bellefonte, has accepted a position with a new company and intends to leave for his work in the near future. His brother Ronald Gingerich, '26, is employed by the Carborundum Company at Niagara Falls.

### **Kappa Alpha**

Okey J. Allison, '25, dropped in recently and made a short talk to the chapter, expressing the interest of the alumni in the work of the active body.

Professor A. V. Goldiere has recovered from a recent operation for the removal of his tonsils. The members of the chapter are glad that he is able to be with them again.

J. G. Hand, ex '28, has returned to his home in Bradenton, Florida, to take charge of his father's drug store. His father is now recuperating from a serious illness.

## Vital Statistics

### ENGAGEMENTS.

Delta Alpha—Franklin Lincoln, '29, to Miss Jessie Elizabeth Carpenter.

W. K. Wanner, '25, to Miss Florence Gathercoal, of Wilmette, Illinois. Miss Gathercoal is a sister of J. J. Gathercoal, Delta Alpha '26, and is at present a junior in the University of Wisconsin. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Zeta Alpha—Earl Emery Owens, '24, to Miss Maude Elizabeth Lucas, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania. See the alumni notes.

Eta Alpha—Sherman E. Johnson, '27, to Miss Peggy Shinn, of Hollywood, California.

George Hamilton Schwinn, '26, to Miss Frances Eleanor Morrow, '26, of Washington, D. C.

Lambda Alpha—William Balph, '29, to Miss Hazel Toepler, of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

David Connery, '28, to Miss Helen Triplett, of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Graham Fithian, '29, to Miss Marian Kent, of Meadville, Pennsylvania.

James Guthrie, '29, to Miss Elizabeth Work, of McDonald, Pennsylvania.

Howard Logan, '27, to Miss Lucile Clark, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Paul Montgomery, '27, to Miss Margaret Lennig, of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

William Norton, '28, to Miss Gladys Bebout, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Brooks Reed, '28, to Miss Catherine Beighley, of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Wesley Rose, '28, to Miss Jean Harbison, of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Delbert Smith, '29, to Miss Florida Lindsay, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Beta Beta—Lowell K. Shaffer, '29, to Miss Zelma Brower, of Eaton, Ohio.

A. L. Reas, '29, to Miss Verna M. Buell, of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Douglas Sroufe, '27, to Miss Esther Jordan, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### MARRIAGES

Delta Alpha—D. C. Sorenson, '26, to Miss Gwendolyn Anne Shauger, of Champaign, Illinois, on February 5. Brother Sorenson is now Western Manager of the Telephone Publishing Company, Chicago.

Zeta Alpha—Theodore F. Angus, '26, to Miss Wanda Nicol, '25, of Archbald, Pennsylvania, on January 1, 1927. Brother Angus is employed in the offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Conemaugh, Pennsylvania.

Theta Alpha—Carl N. Dickinson, '22, to Miss Vivian Hewitt, '23, of Durham, New Hampshire.

Frederick G. Whitehead, '26, to Miss Evelyn Bidwell, '26, of Derry, New Hampshire.

Iota Alpha—R. E. Parnell, '26, to Miss Rebecca Meyers of State College, Pennsylvania.

M. T. Bunnell, '26, to Miss Dorothy Musser of State College, Pennsylvania.

Kappa Alpha—Alton B. Claytor, '26, to Miss Mildred Lee Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Perkins of Lincolnton, North Carolina, on December 17, 1926. Mrs. Claytor is a talented musician, having majored in music at North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro. Brother and Mrs. Claytor are both teaching in the high school at Linden, North Carolina, where they met in September.

Lambda Alpha—Clarence Kissinger, ex-'28, to Miss May Powell of New Castle, Pennsylvania. Brother Kissinger is attending the Detroit School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan.

George Sands, '22, to Miss Mary Scott of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brother Sands is employed by the Graselli Chemical Company, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

## BIRTHS

Beta Alpha—To Brother and Mrs. L. F. Sanborn, '25, of Bellows Falls, Vermont, a daughter on November 19, 1926.

Gamma Alpha—To Brother and Mrs. Anton Dorfmueller, '20, a son, Anton, Jr., on November 14, 1926.

To Brother and Mrs. Walter Steinman, a son, Walter Storch, on December 31, 1926.


To Brother and Mrs. George Herbert Spencer, '19, a son, George Herbert, Jr., on January 7, 1927.

Eta Alpha—To Brother and Mrs. Harold P. Curtis, '25, a son, Charles William, at San Diego, California, on January 7, 1927.

Lambda Alpha—To Brother and Mrs. Edward Johns, a son, Edward at New Castle, Pennsylvania.

To Brother and Mrs. William Sands, a daughter, Elizabeth, at New Castle, Pennsylvania.





# Fraternal and Collegiate

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## Idealism

More than 200 delegates from 58 fraternities and 91 colleges took a ride among the clouds on the magic carpet of "idealism" at the Interfraternity Conference in New York City. The delegates ate their meals and probably snored to the tune of "fraternity ideals," what they are and what they should be, from every conceivable angle expounded by fraternity leaders and some of the nation's leading educators.

"The average college fraternity is holding standards that would be impossible for the entire university community, despite the fact that instances to the contrary occasionally become public."—Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of George Washington University.

"We are confident that the interfraternity movement, the foundations of which were laid so firmly seventeen years ago, will continue to grow and expand in such a fashion that the fraternities will more and more do their part with the colleges and universities of the country in turning out as citizens of the United States men of high capacity, lofty ideals and devoted patriotism."—Henry R. Johnson, chairman of the conference.

"As a crowd we are soft. The coonskin coat, the soft leather chairs, waiters and bids to house parties given by the most eminent hostesses in nearby towns threaten the hardihood and ruggedness of the modern university man."—Rev. Boyd Edwards, headmaster of the Hill School.

"We members of this conference emphasize too much the mechanical things concerning fraternities, and we have talked too little

of the idealistic things. Idealism is at the base of fraternity life. At the bottom of all the mechanical things lie the basic ideals."—Dean Thomas Arkie Clark.

Less than a year ago, our predecessor to the editorial chair published an indictment of fraternities that still rings in our ears as we listen to the recital of fraternity ideals as portrayed by the speakers to the interfraternity Conference.

"The fraternity as an institution is a failure. It is a failure not in the light of general public standards, which are low; not even primarily in the light of educator's standards, which are not altogether applicable; but in the light of the fraternities' own standards, which the fraternities themselves are in a poor position either to ignore or to repudiate."—*The Daily Illini*.

## Fraternity Ideals; or, The Pursuit of the Wiffenpoof

Initiation hovers in the offing, and fraternity and sorority folk are beginning to harken back to the traditional means of making worthy brothers and sisters of unworthy pledges. Now the purposes of hell week are well defined and well known, and the means for accomplishing these purposes equally so, but in case some organization should be so unfortunate as to know its aims and lack the means of accomplishing them, the Crow's Nest offers sample tasks for the inculcation of each virtue which hell week is well known to inspire in neophytes.

These virtues are love for his brothers, respect for the upperclassmen and sophomores, humility, perseverance, courage (or what Mr. Zuppke calls guts), veneration for the fraternity's ideals, ingenuity, truth, patience, determination, and increased desire to be a member of the fraternity.

The first night the freshmen should be awakened about 1:30 o'clock in the morning, tubbed in ice water, and beaten soundly. Each should then be sent on an errand to procure some object or animal, such as a bulldog, white cat with black ears (or vice versa) three bird's nests, goose and gander, fish, wiffenpoof or live sparrow. This is to develop the virtue of perseverance and ingenuity. If some filthy object is sent for, the respect and admiration for the upperclassmen, his desire to be one of them, is heightened.

The greatest value in sending a man for a wiffenpoof is that whatever he brings back is rejected because it is not a wiffenpoof, and thus opportunity afforded for beating the pledge again.

One very effective scheme is to remove all but the very last undergarment of the pledge, take him into a busy district and turn him loose to run home as best he may. This adds to his respect for the fraternity's ideals.

Another test of ingenuity is to make the pledge carry eggs with the seniors' names on them. This egg is to be preserved intact despite the kind labors of the upperclassmen. There is some doubt as to just the significance of having the seniors' names on an egg.

Two pledges may be placed in closets in different parts of the house without clocks and told to open the door and cuckoo loudly every 60 seconds. This is very amusing, because of course the freshmen don't synchronize, and this offers good grounds for a sound beating, which imbues the pledge with humility, brotherly affection, and the strength to bear pain (universally admitted to be desirable.)

Meal time offers wonderful possibilities to the conscientious upperclassman determined to make a good brother in Phi Magenta Tau from the ignorant pledge. The freshmen should be fed dill pickles, stuffed with quinine, castor oil, asafetida, salt (for sugar), raw liver and blue methyl. This last is very effective in putting the fear of God into a pledge (also un'versally admitted to be desirable.) Then the pledge may be blindfolded and fed oysters and sawdust and noodles, being told in each case that the food is something else quite strange to human—or any other—palate. This increases the freshman's desire to be a member of the fraternity.

At night the pledges should take turn about at mounting guard on the roof. Carrying a red lantern, they should walk from end to end of the house, crying out at one end, "The red coats are coming," and at the other, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." This is to inculcate the virtue of patience, and to afford a sense of responsibility for the fraternity's safety.

The pledges should be tested for ability in athletic lines by being forced to push pennies across the floor with their noses. This is very discomforting as well as difficult and often raises painful sores on the participants' faces, which are very ludicrous.

A small platform should be erected on the roof, and a pledge led up on to it blindfolded. He is then ordered to jump off into a blanket

supposedly held for him below by his brothers. When he jumps, he falls only a few feet onto the roof proper, but if he does not jump he has proven himself a craven and a coward and unworthy of membership in the fraternity.

Now all these performances are calculated to inculcate the virtues of a true brother, and indeed why should these methods have been used these decades if they were not successful?—but the week of purgatory should be ended with a grant final general thrashing by all the members of all the pledges, and the leading of the latter in a body out to the country, about 15 miles being the recognized distance. The freshmen should then all be securely handcuffed together and left to walk home.

These steps if closely followed are guaranteed to produce a man fit to share the privileges of fraternal association with the best man in the local chapter of Phi Magenta: purged of his sins, cleansed of his shortcomings, exalted and glorified by his experiences, brave, truthful, bound to his pledge brothers, his deepest emotions stirred, humble, patient, determined and loving of his brothers, and valuing the pin his brothers give him all the more by virtue of the vicissitudes which beset the path of its ownership.—*The Illini Weekly*.

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In its Twenty-one Club, Epsilon Alpha chapter has an interesting tradition. The members of the club are those members of the chapter who have attained the age of twenty-one years. New arrivals at this dignified state customarily give a smoker or party for the whole chapter.

## Phi Beta Kappa Sesquicentennial Anniversary

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and Holmes: there were Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate; and to-day we find such people as President Coolidge (the eleventh Phi Beta Kappa President), Helen Wills, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Dr. John H. Finley, newspaperman; Dr. Albert Shaw and Oswald V. Villiard, magazine editors; Dr. Ira S. Wile, child specialist; Bernard M. Baruch, Clarence H. Kelsey, Darwin P. Kingsley, Dwight W. Morrow, and others of the world of business; John W. Davis of the lawyers; and Avery Hopwood of the playwrights.

## Henry H. James

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He has served as a member of the Board of Editors of the *University Hatchet* for two years, as assistant business manager of that sheet for two years, as a member of the board of the *Cherry Tree*, the university annual, for two years, and as circulation manager of the annual for a year.

Three years ago he was chairman of the Student Endowment Committee. He is trustee of the Graduate Endowment Fund, and is president of the Senior Class of the Engineering School. He has had a year of football, which shows how versatile he is. He was chairman of the second roll call committee, and was treasurer of the Sophomore Class of the Engineering School.

He was one of the founders of the Blue Key, sophomore honor society. When the student council was in operation, he was a member of that. He has been a member of the President's student advisory committee for two years, and is at present Theta Upsilon Omega's delegate to the interfraternity council.

Eta Alpha of Theta Upsilon Omega hails Henry James as her most distinguished citizen.

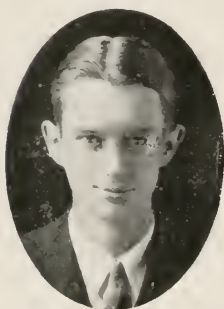
## Kappa Alpha Proud of Two Recent Graduates

BY WILLIAM R. WEAVER, K A '28

Two members of Kappa Alpha chapter's class of 1926 so distinguished themselves as undergraduates that the officials of Davidson College deemed it advisable to call them back, J. M. Appleby as Y. M. C. A. Secretary and W. E. Milton as Alumni Secretary and Publicity Director of Davidson.

### J. M. Appleby, K A '26

J. M. Appleby came to Davidson from Florence, Alabama, his father being the educational leader in that city and one of the most prominent in the South. As a freshman he was sought out by the old Phi Alpha Pi fraternity, becoming a member in 1923.



J. M. Appleby

Without a doubt, Brother Appleby was one of the outstanding men in the class of 1926 at Davidson. Perhaps the most potent accomplishment during his four year course was his scholastic work, he being one of eight students in the graduation class of ninety men who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

He was initiated into Gamma Sigma Epsilon, national honorary chemical fraternity, and served the local chapter as secretary and president during his latter two years. When Gamma Epsilon held its national convention last November, Brother Appleby was nominated for the presidency in competition with a professor, and won. He is the first student president of the organization. Only recently he made a tour of chapters at five schools in the South.

He was recognized by the North Carolina Academy of Science, being elected to membership in this organization while a junior at Davidson. He was sent as a delegate from the school to a meeting of the Academy in his senior year.

He was an assistant in the chemistry department during his undergraduate days, and even now does coaching in this science.

He was a member of the Biology Club, the Eumanean Literary



Society, the Reporters' Club, the International Relations Club, the Student Council, the Y. M. C. A. Board of Control, and secretary of this organization.

Brother Appleby served Kappa Alpha chapter as Master during his junior year, and the national fraternity as Junior Councilor the year following.

In the work of the Y.M.C.A. he has specialized in boys' work, being head of the Hi-Y of the town of Davidson. He had intended to go to Cornell this year to pursue his studies there, but upon the urgent request of the Y. M. C. A. Board of Control, decided to accept the post of secretary at Davidson.

### W. E. Milton, K A '26

Ernest Milton entered Davidson from Thomasville, Georgia, in the fall of 1922. He joined Phi Alpha Pi, now Kappa Alpha chapter, and started to work on the *Davidsonian*. His writing was so striking that in a short time he was awarded membership in the Reporters' Club, and elected historian of the class of 1926, a position which he held through his four years.

In his sophomore year he began to handle publicity work for the college. His work on the *Davidsonian* won him the coveted Golden Quill. He also took up the duties of an assistant to the librarian.



W. E. Milton

The year 1924-25 found Brother Milton assistant College Recorder, and virtually head of the publicity department. He was made associate editor of the *Davidsonian* and elected to Delta Pi Kappa journalistic fraternity.

In his senior year Brother Milton was characterized as "the busiest man on the campus". He was elected to Sigma Upsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity and the vice-presidency of the State Collegiate Press Association.

He was athletic editor of the *Davidsonian*, College Recorder, and head of the publicity department.

Brother Milton received the respect of the student body as an outstanding religious leader on the campus. He had charge of the Self-Help Bureau as a member of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, and

was president of the Christian Endeavor training class during his junior year.

He showed ability on the platform, being a member of the Pandemic Literary Society, and acting on the interclass debating teams three years.

He took an active part in the affairs of T. U. O., being Herald and Master during his two last years. He graduated with the added distinction of having worked his way entirely through college.

While a student, Brother Milton had built up the publicity department of the college to such a degree as to obtain recognition and admiration, so it was only natural that he should be offered the permanent position as its director upon graduation. He has recently been elected to the vice-presidency of the North Carolina Association of College News Bureaus. As alumni secretary, Brother Milton has been responsible for the strengthening of the organization, and for the organization of several alumni clubs.



"Scholarship means more than mere learning. It means knowledge digested and wisdom to use the power that it confers. It means the mastery in one field. The scholar treads firmly on the shore of the known and looks out reverently upon the ocean of the unknown. His daring is coupled with modesty. His lore is not a decoration but a tool. He regards books as people, but knows that he cannot read people like books. The scholar lives from the past, in the present, for the future; and his motto is, 'I think; therefore I am.' More than other men the scholar needs friendship, to sweeten and enlarge his life."—*Dr. Henry Van Dyke in the Phi Beta Kappa Sesqui-centennial Oration, delivered at Williamsburg, November 27, 1926.*

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